

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2399–S2445*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2744–2759, and S. Res. 483–485. **Pages S2439–40**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1335, to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri. (S. Rept. No. 115–233)

S. 1446, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program. (S. Rept. No. 115–234)

H.R. 648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskadee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir. (S. Rept. No. 115–235)

H.R. 1135, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program. (S. Rept. No. 115–236)

H.R. 2888, to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri. (S. Rept. No. 115–237)

S. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2597, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs. **Page S2439**

#### Measures Passed:

**Tibetan Rights Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, commemorating the 59th anniversary of Tibet's 1959 uprising as "Tibetan Rights Day", and expressing support for the human rights and religious freedom of the Tibetan people and the Tibetan Buddhist faith community. **Page S2442**

**Providing for the Display of the POW/MIA Flag:** Senate passed S. 2758, to amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for the display of the National League of Families POW/MIA flag at the World War I Memorials. **Pages S2442–43**

**National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 401, designating May 5, 2018 as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2443**

**National Senior Corps Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 483, recognizing the contributions of senior volunteers and designating the week of April 29 through May 5, 2018, as "National Senior Corps Week". **Page S2443**

**Parkinson's Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 484, supporting the designation of April 2018 as "Parkinson's Awareness Month". **Page S2443**

**Honoring the Life of Barbara Bush:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 485, honoring the life of First Lady Barbara Bush. **Page S2443**

**Pompeo Nomination—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State. **Pages S2400–29**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, at 12 noon, on Thursday, April 26, 2018, there be four minutes of debate equally divided, and following the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Pompeo nomination, and that if cloture is invoked on the Pompeo nomination, all time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the Pompeo nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that following disposition of the Pompeo nomination, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, with the time until 1:45 p.m., equally divided in the usual form, and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Grenell nomination, and that if cloture is invoked on the Grenell nomination, all time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the Grenell nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Pompeo nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2018, with the time until 12 noon, equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Petitions and Memorials:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2443.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: NRC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Kristine Svinicki, Chairman, and Jeff Baran, and Stephen G. Burns, both a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Jeff Sessions, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GAO AND CBO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; and Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2717, to reauthorize provisions relating to the Maritime Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2369, to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission;

S. 2511, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2343, to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force for meeting the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz, to be Admiral and to be Commandant, and Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, to be Vice Commandant, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, Patrick Fuchs, of Wisconsin, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Alan E. Cobb, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

## MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine enhancing the Marine Mammal Protection Act, after receiving testimony from Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Michael Miller, Indigenous Peoples Council on Marine Mammals, Anchorage, Alaska; Guy R. Norman, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, Portland, Oregon; Rae Stone, Dolphin Quest, Middleburg, Virginia, on behalf of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums; and Jane P. Davenport, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher Krebs, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 597, to take lands in Sonoma County, California, into trust as part of the reservation of the Lytton Rancheria of California, and H.R. 1491, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians, after receiving testimony from Darryl LaCounte, Acting Deputy Bureau Director, Trust Services, Department of the Interior; Vice-mayor Mike Healy, Petaluma, California; Kenneth Kahn, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Santa Ynez, California; Margie Mejia, Lytton Rancheria, Santa Rosa, California; and Bill Krauch, Santa Ynez Valley Coalition, Los Olivos, California.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrew S. Oldham, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Alan D. Albright, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Thomas S. Kleeh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Manchin and Capito, Peter J. Phipps, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who

was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, and Michael J. Truncale, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, with amendments.

**CYBERSECURITY**

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine preparing small businesses for cybersecurity success, including S. 2735, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for the establishment of an enhanced cybersecurity assistance and protections for small businesses, S. 2020, to establish a voluntary program to identify and promote Internet-connected products that meet industry-leading cybersecurity and data security standards, guidelines, best practices, methodologies, procedures, and processes, S. 1428, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and S. 770, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, after receiving testimony from Daniel Castro, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and Russell Schrader, National Cyber Security Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; Ben Toews, Bullet Tools, Hayden, Idaho; and Gina Abate, Edwards Performance Solutions, Elkridge, Maryland.

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## House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 5609–5622; 1 private bill, H.R. 5623; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 118 and H. Res. 844–848; were introduced. **Pages H3574–75**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3575–76**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H.R. 5447, to modernize copyright law, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–651);

H.R. 4270, to amend the Federal Reserve Act to ensure transparency in the conduct of monetary policy, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–652);

H.R. 3170, to amend the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–653); and

H.R. 4668, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for the establishment of an enhanced cybersecurity assistance and protections for small businesses, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–654). **Page H3574**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Shlomo Segal, Kehilat Moshe, Brooklyn, NY. **Page H3509**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic. The House reconvened at 12:30 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Pages H3509, H3513**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 844, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H3513**

**Smithsonian National Zoological Park Central Parking Facility Authorization Act:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4009, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a central parking facility on National Zoological Park property in the District of Columbia. **Pages H3520–21**

**Providing for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time:** The House passed H.R. 3144, to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 153. **Page H3560**

Rejected the Jayapal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 152. **Pages H3559–60**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–650 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H3542**

H. Res. 839, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4) and (H.R. 3144) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 151, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 150. **Pages H3519–20**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Music Modernization Act:** H.R. 5447, amended, to modernize copyright law, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 154. **Pages H3560–61**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3561.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of today and appear on pages H3519–20, H3520, H3559–60, H3560, and H3560–61. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: James N. Mattis, Secretary; General Joseph Dunford, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and David Norquist, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), and Chief Financial Officer. This hearing was closed.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing entitled “Member Day”.

### FY 2019 PIPELINE TO THE WORKFORCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing entitled “FY 2019 Pipeline to the Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following Library of Congress officials: Carla D. Hayden, Librarian of Congress; Mark Sweeney, Acting Deputy Librarian; Karyn Temple, Acting Register of Copyright; and Mary Mazanec, Director, Congressional Research Service.

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF HOUSING AND FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and

Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Office of Housing and the Federal Housing Administration. Testimony was heard from Dana Wade, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. House of Representatives officials: Phil Kiko, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; and Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms.

#### **MEMBER DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr, Luetkemeyer, and Tipton.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health began a markup on H.R. 4275, the “Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act”; H.R. 5041, the “Safe Disposal of Unused Medication Act”; H.R. 5202, the “Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018”; H.R. 5483, the “Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act of 2018”; legislation on the Improving Access to Remote Behavioral Health Treatment Act of 2018; H.R. 449, the “Synthetic Drug Awareness Act of 2017”; H.R. 3545, the “Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act”; H.R. 3692, the “Addiction Treatment Access Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4284, the “Indexing Narcotics, Fentanyl, and Opioids Act of 2017”; H.R. 4684, the “Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2017”; H.R. 5002, the “ACE Research Act”; H.R. 5009, the “Jessie’s Law”; H.R. 5102, the “Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018”; H.R. 5176, the “Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms Act of 2018”; H.R. 5197, the “Alternatives to Opioids (ALTO) in the Emergency Department Act”; H.R. 5261, the “TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018”; H.R. 5272, the “Reinforcing Evidence-Based Standards Under Law in Treating Substance Abuse Act of 2018”; H.R. 5327, the “Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act 2018”; H.R. 5329, the “Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2018”; H.R. 5353, the “Eliminating Opioid-Related Infectious Diseases Act of 2018”; legislation to enhance and improve state-run prescription drug monitoring programs; legislation to improve fentanyl testing and surveillance; legislation to support the peer

support specialist workforce; H.R. 3331, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology; legislation on the CMS Action Plan; legislation on the Welcome to Medicare; legislation on the Adding Resources on Non-Opioid Alternatives to the Medicare Handbook; legislation on the Post-Surgical Injections as an Opioid Alternative; legislation on the Alternative Payment Model for Treating Substance Use Disorder; legislation on the Use of Telehealth to Treat Opioid Use Disorder; legislation on the Incentivizing Non-Opioid Drugs; H.R. 3528, the “Every Prescription Conveyed Securely Act”; H.R. 4841, the “Standardizing Electronic Prior Authorization for Safe Prescribing Act of 2018”; legislation on the Mandatory Lock-In; legislation on the Beneficiary Education; legislation on the Evaluating Abuse Deterrent Formulations; legislation on the Prescriber Notification; legislation on the Prescriber Education; legislation on the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Expansion; legislation on the CMS/Plan Sharing; H.R. 1925, the “At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act of 2017”; H.R. 3192, the “CHIP Mental Health Parity Act”; H.R. 4005, the “Medicaid Reentry Act”; H.R. 4998, the “Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth Act”; H.R. 5477, the “Rural Development of Opioid Capacity Services Act”; H.R. 5562, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a strategy implementing certain recommendations relating to the Protecting Our Infants Act of 2015, and for other purposes; legislation on the Limited repeal of the IMD Exclusion for adult Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorder; legislation on the Medicaid Pharmaceutical Home Act; legislation on the Medicaid DRUG Improvement Act; legislation on the Medicaid PARTNERSHIP Act; legislation on the Incentives to Create Medicaid Health Homes to Treat Substance Use Disorder; legislation on the Medicaid IMD ADDITIONAL INFO Act; legislation on the Medicaid Graduate Medical Education Transparency Act; legislation on the HUMAN CAPITAL in Medicaid Act; legislation on the Require Medicaid Programs to Report on All Core Behavioral Health Measures; legislation to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicaid coverage protections for pregnant and postpartum women while receiving inpatient treatment for a substance use disorder; H.R. 5228, the “Stop Counterfeit Drugs by Regulating and Enhancing Enforcement Now Act”; H.R. 5554, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs; legislation on the FDA and International Mail; legislation on

the 21st Century Tools for Pain and Addiction Treatments; legislation on the FDA Opioid Sparing; legislation on the FDA Packaging and Disposal; legislation on the FDA Long-term Efficacy; and legislation on the FDA Misuse/Abuse.

#### **HUD'S ROLE IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE: AN OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ON RENT REFORM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled "HUD's Role in Rental Assistance: An Oversight and Review of Legislative Proposals on Rent Reform". Testimony was heard from William O. Russell III, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sarasota, Florida Housing Authority; Richard C. Gentry, President and Chief Executive Officer, San Diego, California Housing Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **BORDER SECURITY, COMMERCE AND TRAVEL: COMMISSIONER MCALEENAN'S VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF CBP**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled "Border Security, Commerce and Travel: Commissioner McAleenan's Vision for the Future of CBP". Testimony was heard from Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a markup on Committee Resolution 115-10; Committee Resolution 115-11; Committee Resolution 115-13; Committee Resolution 115-14; Committee Resolution 115-15; Committee Resolution 115-16; Committee Resolution 115-17; and Committee Resolution 115-18. Committee Resolutions 115-10, 115-11, 115-13, 115-14, 115-15, 115-16, 115-17, and 115-18 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1689, the "Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2017". H.R. 1689 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWFARE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Weaponization of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Implica-

tions of Environmental Lawfare". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE SMALL BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "American Infrastructure and the Small Business Perspective". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **REVIEW OF VA'S LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled "Review of VA's Life Insurance Programs". Testimony was heard from Robert Reynolds, Deputy Under Secretary for Disability Assistance, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY: EMPLOYER PERSPECTIVES ON THE JOBS GAP**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Jobs and Opportunity: Employer Perspectives on the Jobs Gap". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE OPIOID CRISIS: STOPPING THE FLOW OF SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL SYSTEM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "The Opioid Crisis: Stopping the Flow of Synthetic Opioids in the International Mail System". Testimony was heard from Todd Owen, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Robert Cintron, Vice President, Network Operations, U.S. Postal Service.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **THE INNOVATION ECONOMY**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the innovation economy leads to growth, after receiving testimony from Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute Center for the Economics of the Internet, Michael R. Strain, American Enterprise Institute, Mark P. Mills, Manhattan Institute, and Darrell M. West, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Defense Health Program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed Department of Defense budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for military construction and family housing, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Homeland Security efforts to protect unaccompanied alien children from human trafficking and abuse, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2644, to ensure independent investigations and judicial review of the removal of a special counsel, S. 2559, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the Marrakesh Treaty, and the nominations of Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Nancy E. Brasel, and Eric C. Tostrud, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Robert R. Summerhays, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, and Gregory Allyn Forest, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, and Bradley A. Maxwell, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Illinois, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, markup on the FY 2019 MILCON/VA Appropriations Bill, 9 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the U.S. Maritime Administration, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing entitled

“FY 2019 Public Witness Hearing”, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on the FY 2019 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 1:30 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Federal Communications Commission, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing entitled “Member Day”, 3:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 12:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, markup on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Worker-Management Relations: Examining the Need to Modernize Federal Labor Law”, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2019 Environmental Protection Agency Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Perspectives on Reform of the CFIUS Review Process”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled “Oversight of the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5592, the “Department of State Authorization Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled “Mass Migration in Europe: Assimilation, Integration, and Security”, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, joint hearing entitled “Grading Counterterrorism Cooperation with the GCC States”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Safety and Security of Our Nation: The President’s FY2019 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Filtering Practices of Social Media Platforms”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Examining the Critical Importance of Offshore Energy Revenue Sharing for Gulf Producing States”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 211, the “Chugach Region Lands Study Act”; and H.R. 5317, to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Waste and Inefficiency in the Federal Government: GAO’s 2018 Duplication Report”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Space, joint hearing entitled “Surveying the Space Weather Landscape”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “No Man’s Land: Middle-Market Challenges for Small Business Graduates”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on the Central Intelligence Agency, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Hearing”, 9 a.m., HVC–304. This hearing will be closed.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 12 noon, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Following disposition of the Pompeo nomination, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Richard Grenell, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 1:45 p.m., and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, April 26

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**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 4—FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018.

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